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## The Fence or The Ambulance

(The following poem written by Joseph Mallins, an Englishman, came to us from Prof. J. M. Price of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. For explanation and application see page 7).

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'Twas a dangerous cliff, as they freely confessed,  
Though to walk near its crest was so pleasant;  
But over its terrible edge there had slipped  
A duke, and full many a peasant;  
So the people said something would have to be done,  
But their projects did not at all tally.  
Some said, "Put a fence around the edge of the cliff;"  
Some, "An ambulance down in the valley."

But the cry for the ambulance carried the day,  
For it spread through the neighboring city.  
A fence may be useful or not, it is true,  
But each heart became brimful of pity  
For those who slipped over that dangerous cliff;  
And the dwellers in highway and alley  
Gave pounds or gave pence, not to put up a fence  
But an ambulance down in the valley.

Then an old sage remarked, "It's a marvel to me  
That people give far more attention  
To repairing the results than to stopping the cause,  
When they'd much better aim at prevention.  
Let us stop at its source all this mischief," cried he.  
"Come, neighbors and friends, let us rally:  
If the cliff we will fence, we might almost dispense  
With the ambulance down in the valley."

Better guide well the young than reclaim them when old  
For the true wisdom is calling:  
"To rescue the fallen is good, but 'tis best  
To prevent other people from falling."  
Better close up the source of temptation and crime  
Than to deliver from dungeon or galley;  
Better put a strong fence 'round the top of the cliff,  
Than an ambulance down in the valley!



## CLEAN-UP-THE MAILS CAMPAIGN OF THE U. S. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Postmaster Arthur E. Summerfield is to be congratulated on the campaign initiated and now being carried forward by the Post Office Department to clear the mails of impure and indecent literature. We are glad to publish the "Release" from the Department and to urge our readers to cooperate with the Department in making the campaign successful.

The Release follows:

"A growing volume of unwanted lewd and obscene matter is being sent through the mails into American homes, and the Post Office Department is intensifying its 'Clean-Up-The-Mails' efforts to stop this offense against common decency." Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield said today.

"Risqué snapshots, pornographic magazines and books, and lascivious slides, 'party' films, and records are being widely offered for sale as shown by a 73 per cent increase in the last six months in cases dealing with indecent materials sent through the mails.

"This is a serious and nation-wide problem of public morality which affects all our citizens. In our common interest this misuse and prostitution of the mails should be stopped by a sensible preventative program of the Post Office Department, acting for the people as directed by the law enacted by Congress.

"We know from experience that any enlightened effort of this kind—no matter how intelligently administered—is occasionally open to attack and ridicule which is frequently deliberately inspired by those who make money from the sale of lewd materials. Sometimes we are criticized because our purposes are not fully understood by the very people we are seeking to protect from pornographic material.

"In other instances our efforts to keep the mails clean produce an almost inevitable cry of 'censorship' by certain groups who confuse license with liberty. Their viewpoint, while sincere, seems to suggest an abysmal ignorance of the nature of the problem and the threat it imposes to the moral fiber of the nation.

"We are not concerned with bureaucratic snooping. No issues of abridgements of the freedom of speech or of the press are involved.

"We are not arbitrary censors of literary efforts nor of works of art, either ancient or modern.

"What we are vitally concerned about is the great mass of unwanted pornographic material being offered for delivery through the mails into the homes of American citizens.

"We know the great majority of adult Americans want this obscene material—which they have not asked for—kept out of their homes and away from their children, whether it is generated at home or mailed into this country from abroad. This vile stream of commercialized obscenity persists because

there is money in it and we must be alert lest the greed of the individuals and 'sham' publishing concerns who sell it damages the moral standards of our young people.

"Many criminal, educational, and religious authorities see a definite connection between this disgraceful upsurge in obscenity and the startling growth of juvenile delinquency in the nation.

"Other experts believe this increase in lewd and lascivious material is reflected on the sickening growth of criminal assaults on girls and women.

"While the Post Office Department has no authority to prosecute mailers who offend against common decency, we are required—by law—to refuse to carry obscene material through the mails.

"Fortunately the power to exclude pornographic material from the mails is a highly effective preventive measure in that it usually shuts down the most practical and economical distribution method available.

"The criterion used in ruling on 'mailability' is the ordinary standard of common decency of average representative citizens. Let me quote a recent ruling on obscene books which illustrates the reasoning used:—

"The word obscene is not uncommon and is used in English and American speech and writings as the symbol of indecent, smutty, lewd, or salacious reference to parts of the human or animal body, or to their functions, or the excrement therefrom.

"It is of course true that the ears of some may be so accustomed to words which are ordinarily regarded as obscene that they take no offense at them, but the law is not tempered to the hardened minority of society.

"The statute forbidding the importation of obscene books is not designated to fit the concept of morality throughout the world, nor for all time past and all the future, but it is designed to fit the normal American concept in the age in which we live.

"It is no legitimate argument that because there are social groups composed of moral delinquents in this or other countries that their language shall be received as legal tender along with the speech of the great masses who trade ideas and information in the honest money of decency."

"Citizens who wish to help the Post Office Department in its 'Clean-Up-The-Mails' campaign can do so by delivering, to their local Postmaster, any material received through the mails which they consider obscene. Postmasters throughout the country are being instructed to forward such material here to Washington to the Office of the Solicitor, the chief legal officer of the Post Office Department, for proper action."



# MORAL LINES WIN OVER PARTY LINES

The writer is son of the late F. Clyde Young and nephew of E. Clay Young of Wilkinsburg. After graduation from Penn State and Princeton Seminary the Rev. Mr. Young worked for 9 years with the international Moral Re-Armament movement. For the last five years he has been Pastor of Pittsburgh's North Presbyterian Church.

PENNSYLVANIA founded by the godly Quaker, William Penn, as "a holy experiment" is today surrounded by six states where horse race tracks for gambling are legalized for state tax purposes. So what were the Keystone State's chances of fulfilling Penn's dream? On last March 22 the State Senate in a close battle defeated this "tax on sin."

The bipartisan Senate Law and Order Committee unfortunately refused a public hearing on this bill asking for a State referendum on race tracks before the bill was released on the floor at Harrisburg. So the educational work of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches and the heroic activity of the Lord's Day Alliance, Rev. Melvin Forney, Secretary, backed up by state-wide letter writing to legislators, was responsible for the small margin required to defeat the measure. Governor George Leader indicated he would veto a bill that called for legalized gambling without a referendum. The bill for the referendum was defeated 26-20 after furious verbal fireworks on the Senate floor faithfully reported in the newspapers.

Since no hearing was permitted to Mr. Forney, he had no choice but to place on the desk of each Senator what the Christian position is on legalized gambling. He said "Sin for taxes is not a healthy motive for the enactment of questionable legislation . . . The tendency to legalize sin for revenue in past years (alcoholic drinking for example) has been greatly responsible for the moral breakdown in our national life and the alarming growth of parental and juvenile delinquency. This kind of tax is what is known to be against the best interest of the individual and society."

In addition to the moral objections, Mr. Forney stated the following economic objections to legalized gambling. 24 states have legalized pari-mutuel betting at race tracks and 24 states have not. Taxes are higher per citizen in gambling states and crime is worse. In legalized betting states per capita tax is \$75.79 as against \$67.38 or \$8.41 more. In Penna. our tax per capita is \$57.90; whereas in the six gambling states surrounding us the tax is \$72.07. The core of the larger criminal element may partly account for the higher levy in New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and Ohio.

These cold facts were so devastating to the idea of legalized horse race betting that its Philadelphia sponsor, Sen. Anthony DiSilvestro shouted out some angry and untrue words—not against the facts and figures but against the Rev. Mr. Forney who brought them to light. Mr. DiSilvestro called Mr. Forney "a disgrace to the fine people of Penna. and to the fine

people of the ministry. I say to them get rid of him, because he makes more enemies than friends and he does not know how to conduct himself in the American way." Of course, from the Christian viewpoint, Mr. Forney is the unmistakable American and we had better hang on to the likes of him if we expect to hang on to the America of William Penn and the other founding fathers.

One Pittsburgh pastor asked in the same paper which reported Mr. DiSilvestro's attack for his apology to "the fine people of Penna and to the fine people of the ministry."

A Pittsburgh Senator accused the churches of "hypocrisy and propagandists" for he had searched his Bible and found nothing against betting or horse racing! A Pittsburgh minister said as much to his congregation, but was challenged in the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph by another pastor (this reporter) who said, "Bible teaching against gambling at race tracks and everywhere can be found in the Tenth Commandment, 'Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy neighbor's.'" Is betting not coveting something not naturally yours, something you haven't honestly earned? And we say in the Lord's Prayer, 'Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.'" The Rev. William Vastine of the Council of Churches asked, "If we saw a man about to commit suicide by jumping from a 20-story building you mean we shouldn't try to stop him?"

So when the vote came, party lines gave way to moral lines. The happiest man in the Senate chamber was Melvin Forney, the voice of Pennsylvania's Christian conscience. The two unhappiest men in the chamber were Senators G. Robert Watkins, Republican, and DeSilvestro, Democrat, who were among the four sponsors of the referendum bill.

"I want everyone to pray for me," Senator Watkins told his colleagues after the vote. "The Ministers are mad at me, and the Catholics think I sold them out."

## GOD AND LEGALIZED GAMBLING AT RACE TRACKS

By a 20-26 vote in the State Senate, after thorough discussion, the Horse Racing Referendum Bill was killed on March 22.

According to a March 31 Associated Press dispatch from Harrisburg, Sen. Joseph Yosko (D) of Bethlehem said an effort will be made to revive the defeated bill when the General Assembly resumes sessions on April 18! Finally defeated on April 19.

WHAT GOD SAYS in the Bible and in conscience about race track and all gambling is more important than how people vote about it. In godless democracy the will of the unchristian majority is obeyed. In this way, a government can give the majority what they

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**LIQUOR FACTS FOLDERS AND  
THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The new Liquor Facts Folders, of which our Association had 315,000 copies published in January, have attracted the attention and awakened the interest of public school superintendents, principals and teachers.

An assistant county superintendent of the public schools of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in which Pittsburgh is located, requested 20,000 copies of these folders for distribution in the senior and junior high schools of the county which have been given him. Principals of the schools in independent districts are also asking for them. To date, not a single one who has been approached has declined to accept and use them. These schoolmen report the teachers are much interested in them, especially in the figures which show that the expenditures for liquor in their communities are some two or three times, and in a few instances, as much as five times the salaries paid the teachers in the schools.

The folders were prepared having their use in the public schools in mind. They contain only factual material as to what alcohol is and what its beverage use is doing to the drinkers and to America. They are very attractive, being printed in red and black on white paper. Here is a wide field opening up for their most effective use. Why not contact the superintendent or principal in your town, city or county and ask him if he would not like to use them? Send to us for free samples, present them to him and ask him how many he will use. Then send us an order for that number. They come at the rate of \$2.50 per hundred copies, at \$2.00 per hundred in larger numbers. Address National Reform Association, 209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

R. H. M.

**NEW FILM IN GREAT DEMAND**

The film "One In 20,000," reviewed in the March issue of the Christian Statesman, has been in large demand. It has had about 35 showings in the past month, mostly in high schools of Allegheny County, where approximately 4,000 students have viewed the picture. We have reports of a number of students who have given up smoking as a result of having

seen this film. The picture has also been shown to doctors, nurses, boy scouts, church, college and other groups. Anyone desiring to book this film for his school, church, P.T.A. or club, should contact the National Reform Association, 209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh 22, Pa. Projection equipment and operator also available if needed.

J. R. P.

**DR. MARTIN'S MID-WEST TRIP**

On Monday evening, April 18, Dr. Martin left Pittsburgh for a 15-day trip to the Middle West. The first stop was at Chicago, where he spent three days—two days attending the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals, at which he made an address on Wednesday morning. A day was spent in conferences with Dr. A. C. Ivy, outstanding authority on the alcohol problem and head of the Department of Clinical Science of the University of Illinois, Fred D. L. Squires, Executive Secretary of the American Business Men's Research Foundation, and paying a visit to the headquarters of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Evanston, Illinois.

Friday morning he left by auto with Rev. Roy Holloman, (and Mrs. Holloman) Executive Secretary of The United Dry's of Kansas, for Topeka, Kansas, stopping on the way at Springfield, Illinois for a conference with Dr. Luther J. Tigner, Executive Secretary of the Temperance League of that state.

On Sabbath the 24th, he preached morning and evening in the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Topeka. The morning message was on "National Reform and Kingdom Building." Monday and Tuesday were spent at Emporia, Kansas resting and visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Latimer. From there, on to Kansas City, St. Louis, and Indianapolis, where he conferred with Ellis B. Hargrave, Executive Secretary of the Indiana Temperance League, and Mrs. Herman Stanley, President of the Indiana W. C. T. U., and paid a visit to Mrs. F. F. Hutchins, a long-time friend who in past years was a faithful attendant to our Association's conferences at Winona Lake, Indiana and a loyal friend and supporter of the National Reform Association. From there to Bloomington, Indiana for an overnight visit with another friend, Dr. H. Lester Smith, former Dean of the School of Education of the University of Indiana. From there, back to Chicago, where he preached morning and evening in the First Reformed Presbyterian Church on May 1st. The morning message was on the purpose and program of the National Reform Association.

On Monday he left Chicago for Columbus, Ohio, spending the night with relatives. On Tuesday morning he had a conference with Rev. E. H. Dailey, President of the American Issue Publishing Company and the printer of our Association's Facts Folders, with reference to another printing of these Folders. Then back home to Pittsburgh.

It was an interesting and profitable trip.



## ALARMING INCREASE IN CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

An editorial in the May 3 issue of *The New York Times* contains some startling figures on crime and juvenile delinquency in New York City, taken from the Police Commissioner's Annual Report, as follows:

Major crimes in 1954 set a record-high of 111,274 felonies, a rise of 2.3% over 1953. Misdemeanors rose 20.3%. But the really alarming figures cover crimes by young people. There were 12,470 arrests in the 16-21 age group for offenses of all kinds, an increase of 15.8%. The arrests of boys and girls under 16 rose 25%, to 6,012.

Continuing, the editorial quotes J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to the effect that: "There was a 5% increase in major crimes over the nation in 1954." It was the seventh consecutive year of the increase and Mr. Hoover reported crime increasing almost four times as fast as population. His figures also showed "a high rate of increase among young people."

The writer then raises the question, "What is the community going to do beyond the present incomplete attack, about juvenile delinquency and crime?" The answer given is, "Our main drive must be toward prevention of juvenile delinquency. That vaccine still eludes us, but we must not delay the search longer." It is significant that the secular press is coming to see that the major attack must be on prevention. As for the vaccine, we already have it. It is the moral and spiritual truths of the Bible implanted in the minds and hearts of American youth and the agencies through which they can be reached are the home, the church and the public school, and that the place where most of them, and especially those who most need this instruction, can be reached, is in the public school.

R. H. M.

## DR. MARTIN'S MESSAGE AT THE N. A. E. CONVENTION

As stated above, Dr. Martin made an address at the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals which was held in the Sherman Hotel in Chicago April 18 to 22. This convention was attended by probably 1,000 delegates from every part of the United States. Among the outstanding speakers were: Dr. H. H. Savage, President of the Association; Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, Chairman of the Association's Committee on Social Action and Dr. Harold Ochenga, pastor of the Park Street Church, Boston.

Dr. Martin's message was given before the Social Action group in connection with the forum on the subject "Moral and Spiritual Values in Public Education." Four 25 to 30 minute addresses were given by Dr. Archer, representing Protestants and Others United for Separation of Church and State; Dr. Mark Fakima, representing the organization for Protestant Christian schools; Dr. Frank E. Gaeb-

lein, Headmaster of the Stony Brook School, Long Island, and author of an extended volume on Christian Education, and Dr. Martin, author of "Our Public Schools—Christian or Secular," representing the National Reform Association. A forum followed these addresses, which was participated in by these four speakers and by the audience. It was a very interesting and profitable discussion. All were in agreement that American youth must be reached with moral and religious instruction and for the most part that a grave responsibility rests upon the public schools and other public institutions of learning to impart this instruction, with some difference of opinion as to what extent and in what manner this instruction could be given in public education. Dr. Martin insisted that while Christian private schools and "release time" from public schools for one or two periods a week for religious instruction was good for those reached, it left unreached practically one-half of American youth—those most of all needing instruction and that it would never solve the problem, that the only true and practical solution was in making moral and spiritual training an integral part of the school program and of the extra-curricular activities of the schools, and that this could be done without violating our American doctrine of religious liberty and our American principle of separation of Church and State, properly interpreted.

The Conference lasted from 8:30 to 11 o'clock in the morning. The four speakers were asked to bring with them mimeographed copies of their addresses. Some 40 copies of Dr. Martin's address were given out at the close of the Conference and the editor of the Association's organ requested copy of his address for publication.

## DEFEATED, THEY STILL CARRY ON

Once more the Legislature of California has said, "No Bible in the Public Schools of this State."

Two years ago a bill for daily Bible reading in the schools of California was defeated. A bill for Permissive Bible reading in the public schools has just been defeated by the present session of the Legislature. This last named bill reads:

"To aid in the development of those higher moral principles necessary to sound citizenship, selections from the Bible, from any authorized version, may be read in the public schools."

The vote which defeated this bill was by the Committee on Education of the Senate. This vote brought to an end so far as this present Legislature is concerned, all efforts to secure for the Bible any place in the public schools of this state.

This, of course, is discouraging to the forces of the state which, for the past year or more, have waged an uphill and aggressive campaign for this proposed legislation. The opposition to the bill was not confined to atheists and agnostics. Other groups, some



openly and others behind the scenes, opposed it. For the most part the Protestant churches of the state and numerous other groups supported it. Its proponents were led by the California Christian Citizenship Association, The California Citizens Cooperative Committee of 100 for Bible reading in the public schools, and the California League of Christian Parents.

However, their labors have not been in vain. California is one of the most backward states in the United States with reference to the Bible and moral and spiritual training in the public schools. A great educational program carried on continuously and aggressively over a period of years will be necessary before the Bible will be given the place in the schools of California it now has in a majority of the states of the union.

We are gratified to learn that those who have carried the fight on thus far in California take this view of the situation and are laying out a program to carry on the fight. They have lost a battle, but not the war.

A meeting of the California Christian Citizens Association was held on May 3 in the Y.M.C.A. of Los Angeles. Officers were re-elected and Rev. David Calderwood of Los Angeles was made Executive Vice President and has volunteered to give part-time service to this work; and also Col. Herbert, who was chosen Chairman of the Finance Committee. An enlarged and long-range program was adopted for establishing local groups throughout the state and for the production and distribution of literature to build a public sentiment to give the Bible and its great moral and spiritual truths their proper place in the public schools of the state.

A membership rally is scheduled for Tuesday night, June 7, in the Clifton Cafeteria, Los Angeles, to which all interested in the cause are urged to attend.  
R. H. M.

## GOD AND LEGALIZED GAMBLING

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want and be as wrong as Pilate was in crucifying Christ. IN A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY we obey God's will.

Both before and after Christ, the words of God in the divinely inspired Bible teach against gambling. The Tenth Commandment says, "Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy neighbor's." Is betting not coveting something not naturally yours, something you haven't honestly earned? And in the Lord's Prayer we say, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

THEREFORE, Christians represented by the 'church forces' are opposed to any 'tax on sin' be-

cause God is opposed to it. And our job in the Church and ministry is simply to remind the people and legislators what God says. So please don't attack the Church and God's word. For attacks on Bible Christianity remind us more of the Russian way than the American way. The Rev. Mr. Melvin Forney's only 'threat,' for example, was to inform Pennsylvania voters who the American Christian Senators are, and this we ought to know for the welfare of the State!

The godly Quaker WILLIAM PENN founded this state as 'a holy expiement'. How would he vote on our joining the six surrounding states in their unholy experiment in legalized gambling? And what do the gambling adherents hope to receive from legalized immorality in our State? The fact is that moral breakdown increases taxes; for per capita taxes are higher in the surrounding gambling states. Whose welfare, then, are these race track Senators interested in? Their own or the taxpayers'?

LET GOD BE WINNER in the race track gambling decision! Let Christian Americans be the winners! Let William Penn's dream of our State 'a holy experiment' come true! For these are the kind of legislators Pennsylvania needs and the people will re-elect. Those who vote with integrity and good conscience deserve the heartfelt thanks of the present and future generations of this State.

## DRY PAPER PUBLISHES FOLDERS

The Valley News, a daily paper published in Tarentum, Pennsylvania, in its Saturday, April 16 issue, reprints in its entirety the 4-page Liquor Facts Folder published by the National Reform Association, with the following statement:

"This factual information is Presented as a Public Service under the Sponsorship of the Allegheny Valley Ministerial Association."

Needless to say, the owner of this paper, Mr. Eugene A. Simon, accepts no liquor, wine or beer ads for his paper. For the insertion of this factual material on the liquor situation in his paper, the National Reform Association extends it thanks to Mr. Simon. Also to the Valley Ministerial Association for its sponsorship of this advertisement and especially to Dr. Frank C. Ramsey, Pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of Tarentum, who is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Reform Association and through whose efforts arrangements for the insertion of this factual material were made with Mr. Simon.

This paper has a circulation of approximately 20,000. The facts contained in this folder will therefore reach as many as 60,000 persons. We will be glad to hear from the editors of other papers who will follow Mr. Simon's example.

R. H. M.



## THE MESSAGE OF "THE FENCE OR THE AMBULANCE" APPLIED

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The poem on Page 1 of this issue of The Christian Statesman is the introduction to a chapel talk on, "The Secularization of American Education and its Significance for Us" by Professor J. M. Price of the School of Religious Education of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Fortworth, Texas. The application he makes of the poem is to education, particularly to public education in America, which in the early history of our country was shot through and through with religion, but which in later days omitted religion and became secular with a resultant breakdown in moral standards and an increase in crime and juvenile delinquency. The plea he makes is for a return to giving the place of first importance in education to moral and spiritual training, thus building the character of American youth and preventing the spending of so much effort on reclaiming wrecked lives and expending so much money in building jails and penitentiaries to confine criminals.

The same application could be made to our method of dealing with the liquor problem. A vast amount of energy and time is being spent today in looking after the results of this traffic—the 4,000,000 alcoholics and the 3,000,000 excessive drinkers whose lives are wrecked by drink in comparison with the little spent in preventing them from becoming drunkards. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure here, as elsewhere.

Dr. Price makes a very impressive appeal on the basis of the message of the poem. We are sorry our space will not permit its reproduction. Instead, we give his letter, which accompanies his talk:

"Dear Dr. Martin:

I am enclosing a copy of a chapel talk which gives the essential facts of the study I made along this line.

The trend toward extreme secularization greatly concerns me. Recently I have learned of the young people in one state in the Southeast who wanted to have a voluntary noon prayer meeting and the high school authorities would not permit it. In another state west of the River, that sort of thing was not only not permitted, but the students were not able to bring their Bibles into the schoolroom to read privately. The founding fathers never dreamed of such an extreme emphasis on separation of church and state, and some of our extremists seem to be more interested in preserving the theory than taking care of the moral and religious needs of our youth. Personally, I feel that the main idea in the first Amendment was simply to prevent a state church. As indicated in this paper, I do not believe that Madison or Jefferson ever dreamed of this amendment being carried to the extreme that it is today.

I appreciate greatly what your organization and others like it are doing to keep this matter before the public. Extreme secularization is the first step toward materialism. Materialism leads logically to socialism, and socialism is the seed bed for communism.

Very truly,

J. M. Price

## EDUCATION WITHOUT CHARACTER DANGEROUS

Throughout our history we have thrown a halo about education. We have spent vast sums in the education of American youth. We have looked to education for the solution of our problems. We have said, "Ignorance, illiteracy is bad. Education is good." We have been stressing the danger to democracy inherent in an ignorant, illiterate citizenship.

This, of course, is perilous in a nation in which the people set up the government, make their laws and determine the nation's policies. But is it true that all education is good and safe? May it not also be dangerous, even more dangerous than ignorance?

Education increases, it multiplies power. Whether it be good or dangerous depends upon how that multiplied power is used. Someone has said: "There is only one thing worse than a devil and that is an educated devil." Place the power that education brings in the hands of an evil, wicked person and it becomes a peril, for he will use it for selfish and wicked purposes. Long ago Alfred the Great said: "Power is good only when he who has it is good." Only an education that develops character—uprightness, sincerity, truthfulness, purity and loving-kindness is safe and a blessing. An education that lacks this is perilous, more perilous than ignorance. What we need to fear most of all in America today is not ignorant devils, but educated devils, and it matters little whether they reside in Russia or America. What America needs most of all today is an education which has as its dominating purpose the development of character.

This is all the more important due to inventive science. It has put into man's hands the tremendous power wrapped up in the atom which can be used either for good or evil purposes, depending upon the character of the individual or the nation which possesses its power and which has the know-how to use it. It has been said truly: "It is not the primitive peoples who terrorize the world today but the most educationally advanced peoples who have made learning a road to power without bringing that power under ethical control."

This calls for a complete revision of our educational program, making the development of character its chief objective and giving God, the Bible and moral and spiritual truth the place they once had in the early public education of our country.

R. H. M.



# PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATIVE FIELD DAY

Nearly one thousand persons from throughout the state of Pennsylvania assembled in the Zembo Mosque, Harrisburg, at noon on Tuesday, May 10th, 1955, for the Biennial Legislative Luncheon and Field Day at which Governor George M. Leader, and the members of the Legislature were present as invited guests.

Due to the fact that Dr. Salk was given honor and recognition at the Capitol that forenoon, the Governor and his party were somewhat late in arriving.

While awaiting the Governor and the members of the Legislature, a Singspiration was led by Mr. Carl Martin, with Mrs. May App Everett at the piano.

Dr. Melvin M. Forney, able chairman of the Federated Legislative Committee presided. The Field Day sponsoring organizations and their representatives were introduced.

Representing the members of the Legislature, the following persons were introduced and spoke briefly:

Hon. Hiram Andrews, Speaker of the House

Hon. Albert S. Readinger, Majority Leader of the House

Hon. Charles C. Smith, Minority Leader of the House

Hon. Roy E. Furman, Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Rowland B. Mahany, Majority Leader of the Senate

Hon. John H. Dent, Minority Leader of the Senate

Hon. M. Harvey Taylor, President Pro Tem of the Senate

Following introductions, the first address of the afternoon was given by His Excellency George M. Leader, Governor of the Commonwealth, who gave a very interesting address in which he stressed his desire and purpose to uphold and strengthen the moral and spiritual interests of the state.

The second address of the afternoon was given by Rev. Robert H. Stephens, D.D., Pastor of the Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Pa., who gave a very able and uplifting address warning of the peril of secularism and stressing the need for God in the affairs of state. He made favorable reference to the Divine Acknowledgement in the Preamble of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, to the significance of placing the words "under God" in our pledge of allegiance to the National flag, and quoted William Penn, who said, "Man will either be governed by God or ruled by tyrants."

Attendance measured up to all expectations, so that the day provided a real demonstration of the strength of the Church and Reform groups within the state which the governor and the members of the legislature can count on for backing and support in all legislation that is for the good of the morals of the Commonwealth, but which will most certainly oppose them if they propose or support any legisla-

tion contrary to those interests.

Following the luncheon program, a strategy conference, to which all luncheon guests were invited and urged to attend was sponsored by the Division of Social Relations of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches. This conference was held in the Marble Room of the Zembo Mosque and was quite well attended. Those on the panel discussed such matters as the present status of the U.M.T. bill in Washington, the F.E.P.C. bill in Harrisburg, liquor bills and the moral issue bills in the legislature.

The purpose of the Field Day was not to pass resolutions or to take action as a body, but for the Church and Reform forces to provide a demonstration before the Governor and the Legislators in the interests of righteousness and good government. To this end we believe the day highly achieved its purpose.

It speaks well for Pennsylvania that such a Field Day is possible. We do well to remember, that only so long as such a day continues to be possible, can we maintain high hope for the maintenance of the moral standards and spiritual levels that have been and continue to be the pride and glory of this Commonwealth. To hold these levels demands continual alertness and vigilance.

Those in attendance as representatives of the National Reform Association were Dr. R. H. Martin, President; Mr. Frank H. Davis, President of the Board of Directors; Dr. J. R. Patterson, Executive Secretary and Mrs. J. R. Patterson. J. R. P.

## RESPONSE TO SAFETY PROGRAM ENCOURAGING

The New Safety Program which was launched a few months ago has proved quite encouraging. On the original printing we had 18,000 bumper stickers, 72,000 general use stickers, and 26,000 calendar cards printed. The original printing of calendar cards has all been exhausted and we have had an additional 6,000 printed. We have less than 2,000 of the general use stickers remaining and will be having a second printing run within a few days. Approximately 10,000 of the bumper stickers have been disposed of. This is a more expensive item than the general use stickers and calendar cards so naturally does not move quite as readily or in as large quantities, but orders are received practically every day, and all indications are that within the next two or three months we will be having a second printing of this item also.

A release was recently sent out to a number of religious and temperance journals, and has already been carried in several papers. From these we have had some very encouraging responses. The orders have come from all parts of the United States and from Canada, Newfoundland and even from Alaska.